

REMARKS

Applicants hereby offer preliminary amendments to the present application to place the application in better form for allowance.

Applicants have canceled Claims 1-10 in favor of replacement Claims 11-19 to correct certain informalities (including avoidance of multiple dependencies, and avoidance of use claims) and to clarify the intended meaning of the claims without materially altering their scope. Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are fully supported in the specification.

Applicants have amended the specification to capitalize all letters in the title and to insert a statement of priority. Applicants submit that these amendments serve only to clarify their application and do not alter the scope of their disclosure.

Applicants have also amended the specification at page 20 (and new Claim 19) to correct an inadvertent typographical error that also appears in the corresponding PCT application WO 2004/000796. Although Applicants believe that

the intended structural moiety  in alternative (c) would be apparent from the

context of the specification, the priority Japanese application JP 2002-180028 (published in the enclosed Japanese language document as JP 2004-18506) clearly shows the intended representation of A² together with A³ at page 21, line 49, through page 22, line 20 (especially page 21, line 50; and the top structure on page 22). Applicants therefore respectfully submit that the amendment of Applicants' page 20 does not represent new matter and should be entered.

Applicants have added an Abstract that summarizes the subject matter of their invention in the same manner as the abstract appearing on the face of the published PCT application. A copy of the new Abstract is separately attached.

In view of the preceding amendments and remarks, allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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